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CLAIMS

- [001] A coffee machine comprising a holder (220, 310, 410) for receiving a coffee pad for insertion in a brewing chamber (334), said holder being provided with an outlet opening (320, 414) for coffee and a carrier base (314, 422) forming drain channels, characterised in that the holder (220, 310, 410) is constructed in one piece with the carrier base (314, 422).
- [002] The coffee machine according to claim 1, characterised in that the one-piece holder (220, 310, 410, 314, 422) is made of thermoplastic material.
- [003] The coffee machine according to claim 1 or claim 2, characterised in that the onepiece holder (220, 310, 410, 314, 422) has a handle (420).
- [004] The coffee machine according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the outlet opening (320, 414) is provided in the one-piece holder (220, 310, 410, 314, 422) and has a minimum diameter of about 0.5 to 1.5 mm.
- [005] The coffee machine according to claim 4, characterised in that the outlet opening (320, 414) is expanded in a funnel shape in the outlet direction.
- [006] The coffee machine according to claim 5, characterised in that the outlet opening (320, 414) is located at the lowest point of the pressure chamber.
- [007] The coffee machine according to any one of the preceding claims, characterised in that the carrier base (314, 422) has a bearing area for the coffee pad which is provided with a number of spacing segments (316, 424) so that drain channels for the coffee are formed between respective segments (316, 424).
- [008] One-piece holder for use in a coffee machine (110) according to any one of the preceding claims.